

peace 'You did not behave nicely to-day/
 said Lord George
 Hamilton, in kindly reproof 'You should
 not have referred
 to current politics. So I thanked him ||
 armly for the hint, and
 I promised to be 'seen and not heaid' in
 future I find it so
 difficult to be 'official' in manner Ho\\e\\er,
 I really will try
 Dignified silence I \\ill set before me,
 except \\hen the public
 good requires me to come forward Ah^r ho\\
 hard it is for a
 quick-fitted and somewhat vain \\oman to
 be discreet and
 accurate One can manage to be both in
 the \\vntten \\vord—
 but the 'clash of tongues' drives both
 discretion and accuracy
 away "

This was particularly apt to happen
 between her and
 C S Loch y and there were some Inely
 passages By
 June, after recording an instance, one among
 many, in
 which her cross-examination caused one or
 more of her
 colleagues to lose their tempers, she
 commends her own
 action on the ground that " Those
 Commissioners who
 have been sufficiently pertinacious ha\\e run
 away with
 the Commission ^s In July, she describes a field-
 day, on
 future procedure, at \\hich she

"confined my effort to keeping open for
 further consideration
 questions \\hich he (Lord George) or the
 Commission as a whole
 wished closed Old Age Pensions, the
 condition of the 1200,000
 children who are receiving Out Door
 Relief, the administration
 of relief by Boards of Guardians, and,
 more important than
 all, the relation of Poor Law Medical
 Treatment to Public
 Health "

On this there follows an entry (July 1906) at
 once so inter-
 esting and so typical that it must oe quoted, as
 it stands—

"This is a new hare that I have recently
 started In listening
 to the evidence brought by the COS
 members in favour of

restricting medical relief to the technically
destitute, it suddenly
flashed across my mind that what we had
to do was to adopt the
exactly contrary attitude, and make
medical inspection and
medical treatment compulsory on all sick
persons—to treat ill-
ness, in fact, as a Public Nuisance to be
suppressed in the interests
of the community At once I began to cross-
examine on this
assumption, bringing out the existing
conflict between the Poor